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Heroes

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

Sonic's the *fastest* thing on planet Mobius, and leads a gang of Freedom Fighters. There's nothing he loves more than danger and excitement – and there's always plenty of both when he's battling the evil Dr Robotnik!

KNUCKLES

Knuckles is the last of an ancient race of Echidnas (spiny anteaters) who created the Floating Island centuries ago. Now, Knuckles safeguards the Chaos Emeralds which keep the Floating Island aloft!

TAILS

Miles "Tails" Prower is a Fox with a difference – by spinning his two tails, he can fly! Tails has an innocent and optimistic view of life – even when he's being chased by badniks!

Villains

DR ROBOTNIK

Once a kindly scientist, Dr Kintobor was transformed into the evil Dr Robotnik when an experiment went horribly wrong. Now, Dr Robotnik is power-mad, and will stop at nothing to seize total control of the planet!

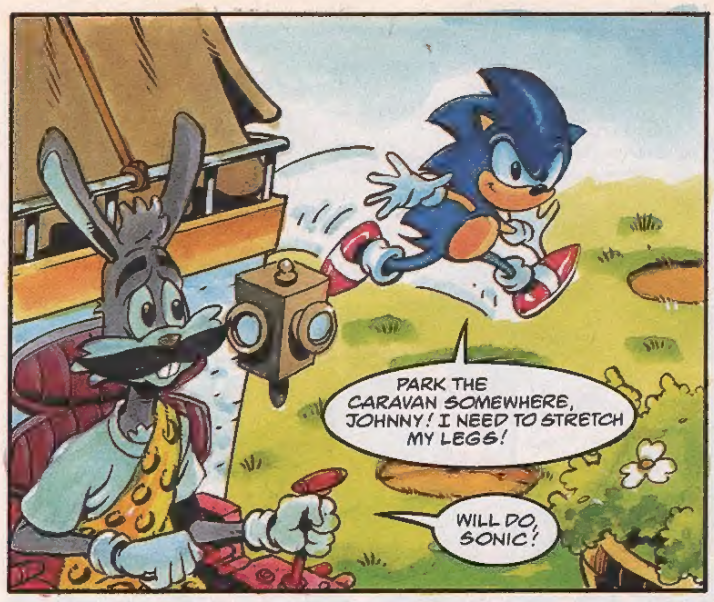
GRIMER

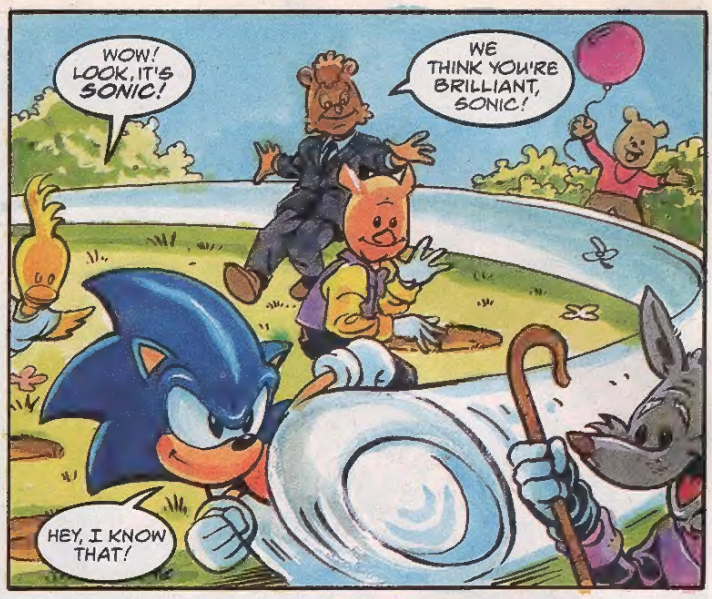
Robotnik's cowardly sidekick Grimer is a slimy weakling who only cares about one thing – saving his own skin!

TWO QUALITIES THAT A GOOD LEADER NEEDS ARE DIGNITY AND MATURITY...
...BUT THEN DOCTOR ROBOTNIK NEVER SET OUT TO BE A GOOD LEADER...
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
Project Brutus
Part 1
Script: LEW STRINGER
Art: RICHARD ELSON
Lettering: ELLIE DE'VILLE
NEW STORY
TAKE THAT, YOU HELLISH BLUE HEDGEHOG! BAH! YOU SPOIL ALL MY PLANS! I'LL GET YOU ONE DAY!
SKWISH!
Ahem! SORRY TO INTERRUPT YOUR HIGH-POWER THINK SESSION, SIR, BUT THAT PAY COULD BE SOONER THAN YOU THINK!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, GRIMER?
I'M REFERRING TO PROJECT BRUTUS — IT'S ALMOST COMPLETE! IT JUST NEEDS ONE VITAL INGREDIENT ONLY YOU CAN PROVIDE!
EGGS-ELLENT, GRIMER! TAKE ME TO HIM!

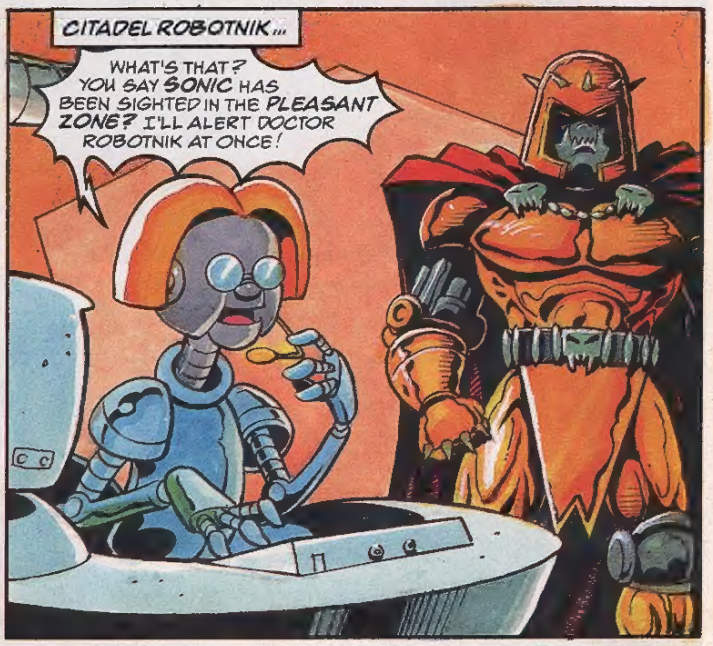
DOWN IN THE LABORATORY...
BEHOLD... BRUTUS! THE ULTIMATE TROOPER!
GOOD WORK, GRIMER! QUICKLY, BRING ME THE BRAIN SCANNER!
IF THIS WORKS, THE ROBOT WILL BE PROGRAMMED WITH A COPY OF YOUR BRAIN PATTERNS, SIR!
IT WILL WORK, GRIMER... OR ELSE!
LIVE, BRUTUS... LIVE!
I... I'M... ALIVE!

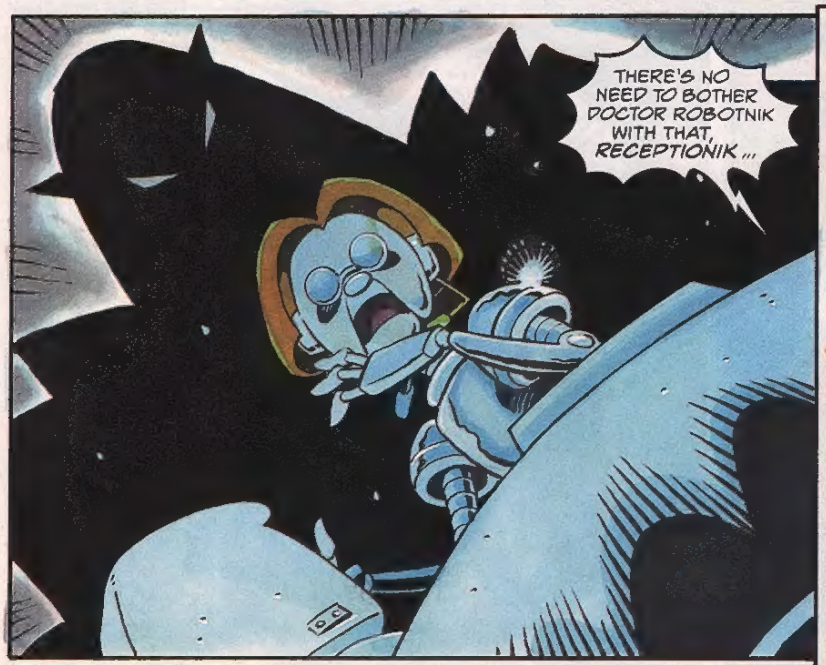
AT LAST! MY LONG AWAITED SECOND IN COMMAND! A TROOPER WITH MY OWN BRAIN PATTERNS!
YES, DOCTOR ... YOUR PERSONALITY PROGRAM COUPLED WITH MY COMPUTER BRAIN MAKES ME MORE THAN FIT FOR THE TASK OF EXTERMINATING SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!
HAHA HA HAHA!
THE PLEASANT ZONE. SONIC AND CO. ARE DISGUISED AS BOB BEAKY'S TRAVELLING CIRCUS ...
I DON'T THINK I'VE EVER BEEN TO THIS ZONE BEFORE, SONIC!
ME AND THE GUYS CAME HERE A WHILE BACK! I HAD TO SAVE THE WHOLE VILLAGE FROM CERTAIN DOOM! AS YOU DO.
LOOKS PRETTY SAFE NOW THOUGH! GUESS THERE'S NO NEED FOR OUR DISGUISES TODAY!


PARK THE CARAVAN SOMEWHERE, JOHNNY! I NEED TO STRETCH MY LEGS!
WILL DO, SONIC!


WOW! LOOK, IT'S SONIC!
WE THINK YOU'RE BRILLIANT, SONIC!
HEY, I KNOW THAT!

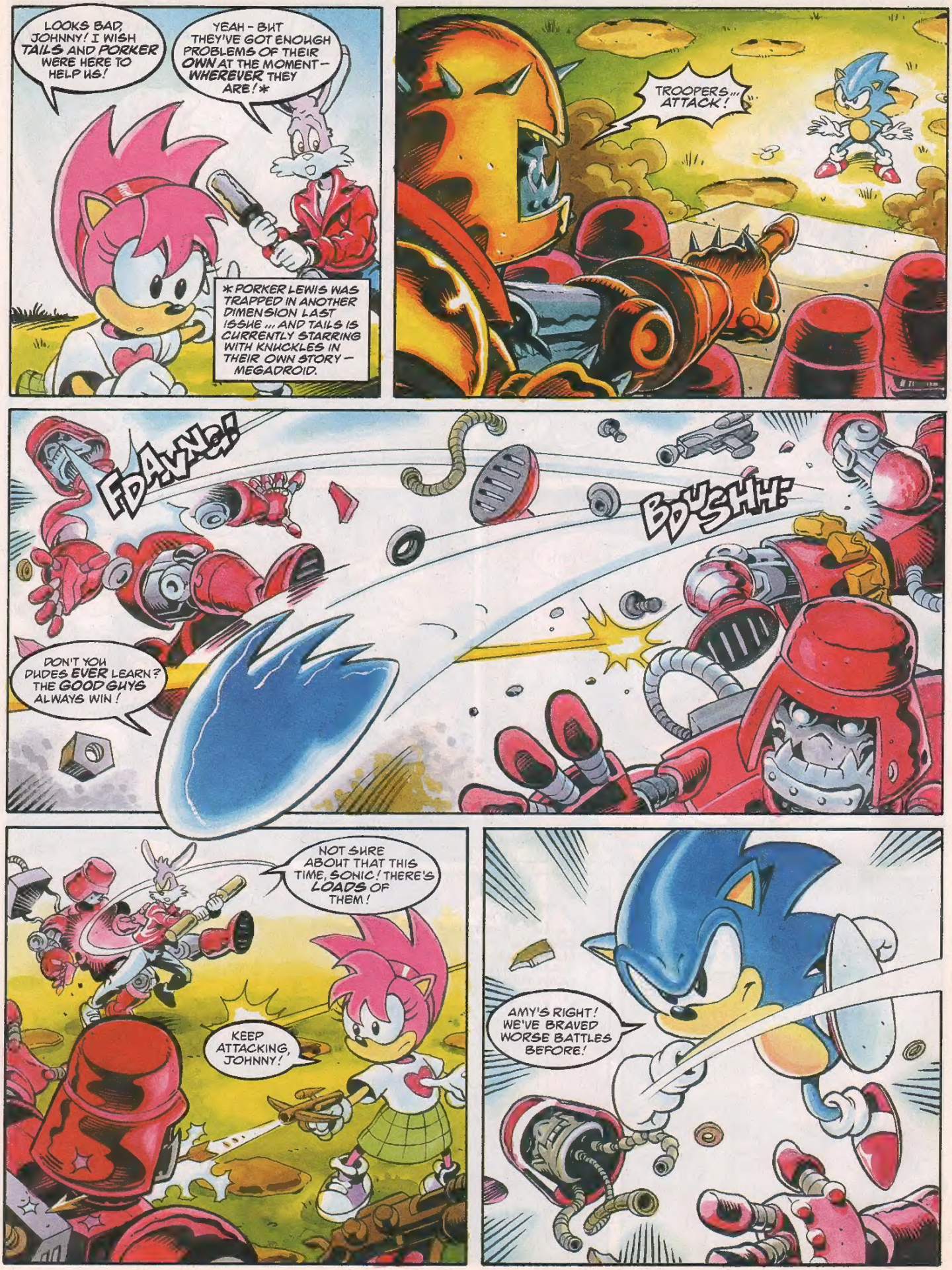
—BUT NOT EVERY RESIDENT OF THE PLEASANT ZONE ADMIRES OUR HERO...
PUT ME THROUGH TO DOCTOR ROBOTNIK!


CITADEL ROBOTNIK...
WHAT'S THAT? YOU SAY SONIC HAS BEEN SIGHTED IN THE PLEASANT ZONE? I'LL ALERT DOCTOR ROBOTNIK AT ONCE!


THERE'S NO NEED TO BOTHER DOCTOR ROBOTNIK WITH THAT, RECEPTIONIK...

...I'LL DEAL WITH IT!

SOON, A FEARFUL SHIP DARKENS THE SKIES OF THE PLEASANT LAND...
TROOPERS! RUN!
AAAAHH
EEAA!!
UH-OH! LOOKS LIKE TROUBLE!
GOOD! I COULD DO WITH A WORK-OUT!
CITIZENS! SURRENDER THE HEDGEHOG AND YOU WILL NOT BE HARMED!
HERE I AM, TIN-HEADS! WHO'S ASKING FOR ME?
I AM! MY NAME IS BRUTUS — COMMANDER OF THE ELITE TROOP FORCE OF MOBIUS, SECOND IN COMMAND TO THE MIGHTY DOCTOR ROBOTNIK!


LOOKS BAD, JOHNNY! I WISH TAILS AND PORKER WERE HERE TO HELP US!
YEAH - BUT THEY'VE GOT ENOUGH PROBLEMS OF THEIR OWN AT THE MOMENT — WHEREVER THEY ARE! *
* PORKER LEWIS WAS TRAPPED IN ANOTHER DIMENSION LAST ISSUE ... AND TAILS IS CURRENTLY STARRING WITH KNUCKLES IN THEIR OWN STORY — MEGADROID.
TROOPERS ... ATTACK!
FDAWG!
BDUSHH!
DON'T YOU DUDES EVER LEARN? THE GOOD GUYS ALWAYS WIN!
NOT SURE ABOUT THAT THIS TIME, SONIC! THERE'S LOADS OF THEM!
KEEP ATTACKING, JOHNNY!
AMY'S RIGHT! WE'VE BRAVED WORSE BATTLES BEFORE!

— BUT YOU'VE NEVER FACED ME BEFORE, SPIKEBALL!
HAH! THROW YOUR BEST SHOT, BUCKET-HEAD!
WILL THIS DO?
UHHNN!
F-ACK!
UHH... HE... SURE IS STRONGER THAN THE OTHER TROOPERS!
THAT'S RIGHT, HEDGEHOG! I AM UN-BEATABLE!
NO ROBOT IS UNBEATABLE! I ALWAYS...
YOU WON'T GET THE CHANCE THIS TIME, SONIC!
TROOPERS— FINISH THEM!
BADDADDADDA!
NEXT ISSUE— DEFEATED!

NEW STORY

KNUCKLES™

The Homecoming

Part 1

Script: NIGEL KITCHING
Art: NIGEL DOBBYN
Lettering: ELITTA FELL

KNUCKLES HAS COMPLETED A HARD DAY'S WORK ON THE FLOATING ISLAND'S EMERALD CHAMBER.

I SOMETIMES WONDER IF I'LL EVER GET THIS PLACE BACK TO HOW IT WAS IN THE OLD DAYS.

YAWN!

NOW FOR A GOOD REST... I'M SHATTERED!

GIVE ME A BREAK... NOT THE ALARM SYSTEM!

BREEEEEEE!

THE DISPLAY IS SHOWING A FLUCTUATION IN THE ISLAND'S FORCEFIELD... IT MIGHT BE AN INTRUDER!

OR IT COULD BE DUST IN THE WORKS- THESE MACHINES ARE ANCIENT!

STILL, AS GUARDIAN OF THE FLOATING ISLAND, I'D BETTER CHECK!
THE ZONES OF THE FLOATING ISLAND ARE CONNECTED BY THE MYSTERIOUS ZOOM TUBE SYSTEM. MOMENTS LATER...
THIS IS THE ZONE WHERE THE SIGNAL WAS PICKED UP!
MEGOPOLIS CITY!
BEFORE MY KIND LEFT THE FLOATING ISLAND, THIS WAS THE CAPITAL. BOY, WILL THEY BE SURPRISED WHEN THEY RETURN... IF, THAT IS!

CHAKK!
WHOKK!
SOUNDS LIKE TROUBLE!
HARD TO TELL WHERE IT'S COMING FROM WITH ALL THE ECHOES AROUND HERE...
KROKYOKK!
THAT'S ONE ROBOT I'LL BE SURE TO APPROACH WITH A LITTLE CAUTION...
HEY BUDDY, THE FLOATING ISLAND IS SUPPOSED TO BE PRIVATE!
...SO HOW DID YOU GET HERE?

SUDDENLY...
ZAK! ZAK! ZAK!
BOOM!
YARGGH!
SO MUCH FOR THE POLITE APPROACH!
MAYBE YOU'LL APPRECIATE THIS INSTEAD!
WRANG!
NGHH!
BOKK!
OLD TIN-PLATE LOOKS FAMILIAR... STILL, I'LL WORRY ABOUT THAT AFTER I MASH HIM!
ONLY, HE'S TOO STRONG FOR A DIRECT ATTACK...
SO I'LL TRY THE SUBTLE APPROACH!
KRAKK!

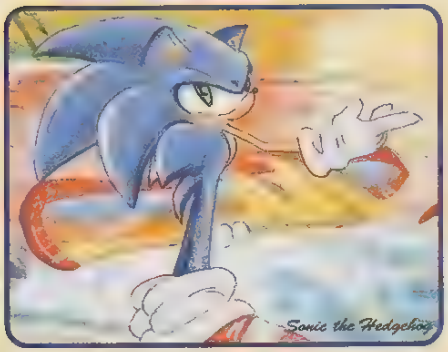
GET OUT OF THAT ONE!
HMMM! WHY THE INTEREST IN THE RUBBLE?
COULD IT BE ME?
TALKING RUBBLE?
UNLESS I'M DREAMING, MASONRY CAN'T SPEAK!
NO, KNUCKLES, BUT I CAN! I WAS TRYING TO HIDE FROM THAT ROBOT!
NO... IT CAN'T BE!
IT'S TRUE! I'M ONE OF THE LOST RACE OF ECHIDNAS.
I AM THE FIRST OF YOUR PEOPLE TO RETURN TO THE FLOATING ISLAND. DOCTOR ZACHARY'S THE NAME!
NEXT ISSUE: ATTACK ON THE EMERALD CHAMBER!

SPEED Lines

DEDICATION!

Dear Sonic,
When I saw the return of Speedlines, I just had to write immediately! I've enclosed a few pics that I did in dedication to all the hard working people at Sonic the Comic. Hope you like them!
Eileen Callaghan, Co. Kerry, Ireland.

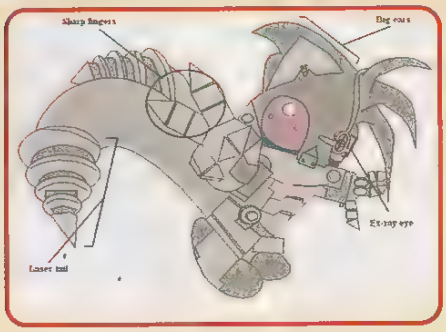
Don't you mean hard working hedgehogs?!!!



NAME GAME!

Dear Sonic,
I have thought of a really good idea. I think that STC should build its own theme park. You could even have a white knuckle ride like in the story where Knuckles met the Marxio Bros.
David Chaplin, Wacton, Norwich.

All we need now is a name!



DESIGNER DROID!

Dear Sonic,
I know Porker and Tekno are geniuses, who love to build computers and robots, so I made a robot for them to build in the fight against chaos. His name is Chaotic.
Amadeus Tamakloe, New Cross, London.

He looks one mean dude!

TAILS FOREVER

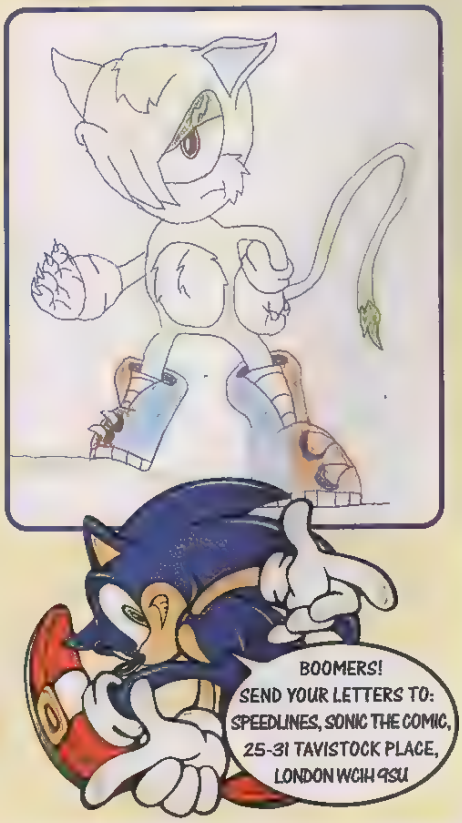
Dear Sonic,
I would like to know why you don't get along with many people. I think you are just too cool for your own good.
My sister loves Tails, so please give him some praise for once.
Sean Roberston, Edinburgh, Scotland.

Too cool for my own good? Impossible!

MEET MR. WHIPZY!

Dear Sonic,
Could you please, please, please print my pic in your fab mag? It shows my idea for a new character who could appear in STC. His name is Whipz Prower and his dream is to find his long lost cousin Miles Prower. Note the whip-like tail, which makes short work of bad guys!
Simon Barden, Chelmsford, Essex.

I dig anything with a sting in the tail!



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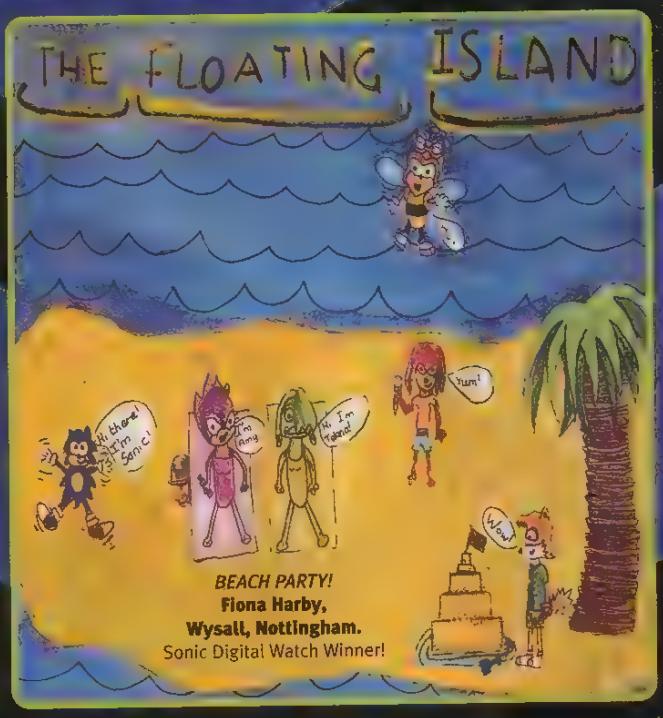

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HURRY, CHILDREN, HURRY...BEFORE HE GETS HERE!
AWK! C-COMING, MUM!
H-HE'S NOT GOING TO BOTHER US TODAY, I HOPE...
PHEW!
STOMP! STOMP! STOMP!
THOOM! THOOM!
OPEN UP, CITIZEN! THAT IS AN ORDER!
PAY YOUR TAX FOR DOCTOR ROBOTNIK – OR ELSE!
TH-THIS ISN'T FAIR! WE ALWAYS PAY OUR TAXES ON TIME, BUT YOU ALWAYS COME FOR EXTRA! W-WE CAN'T AFFORD TO PAY MUCH MORE!
TAILS
Trooper Trouble
Part 1
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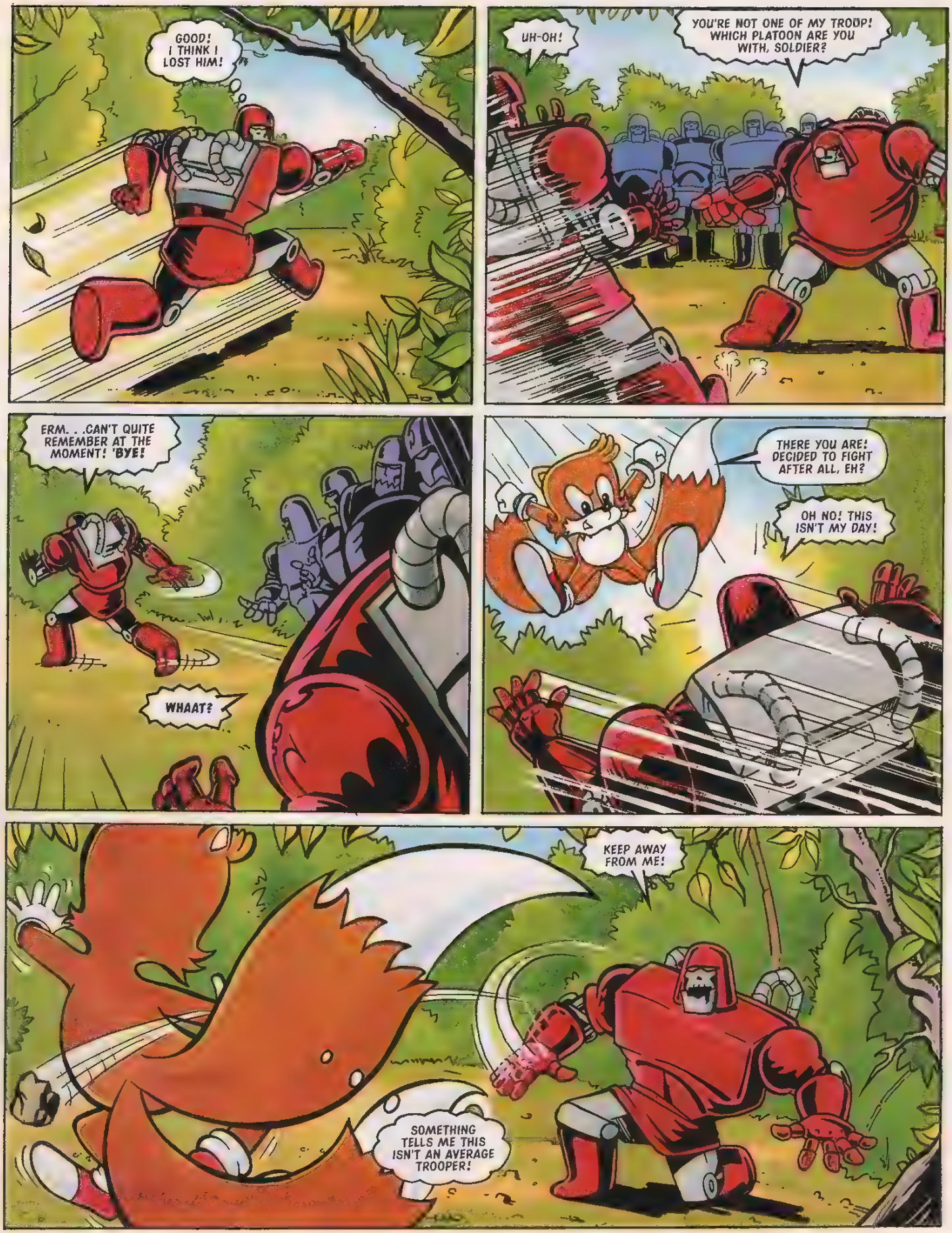
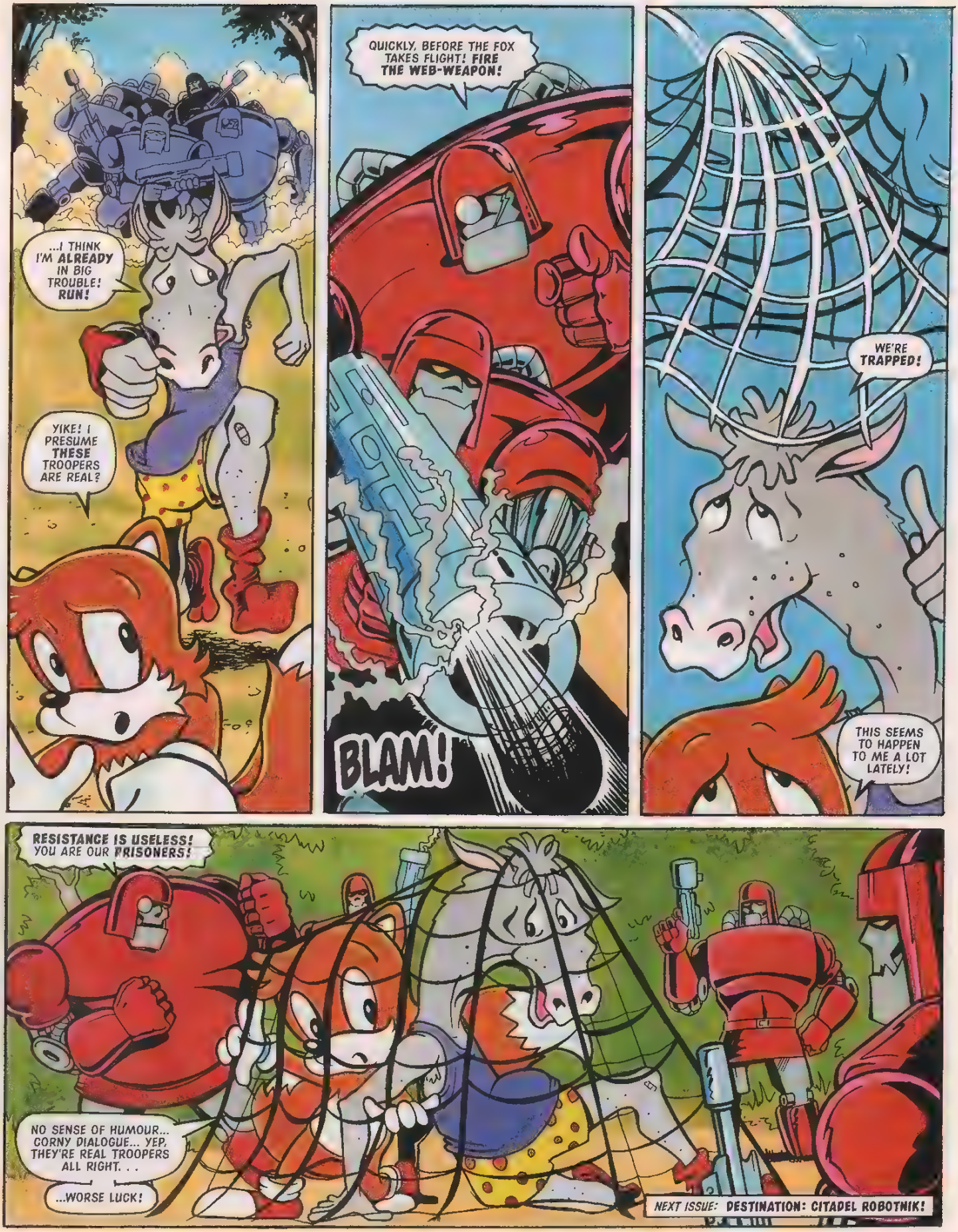
NEW STORY

SILENCE CITIZEN, OR I'LL, ERM, DO SOMETHING NASTY!
ULP! YES, SIR!
HMPH!
WHY DIDN'T YOU STAND UP TO HIM, GEORGE? YOU'RE BECOMING AS USELESS AS CLIVE, THE VILLAGE WIMP!
DON'T WORRY, MILDRED! I HAVE THE SITUATION IN HAND!
I'VE GOT MY CONTACTS Y'KNOW. I'VE PUT THE WORD OUT ON THE STREET ABOUT THAT TROOPER BOTHERING OUR VILLAGE. NO DOUBT SONIC OR SHORTFUSE THE CYBERNIK WILL BE ARRIVING TO HELP US AT ANY MOMENT NOW!
OOH! GEORGE! YOU'RE SO CLEVER!
IT'S TAILS!
OH, WELL. HE'LL DO I SUPPOSE.
HEY! YOU MUST BE THE DUDE WHO'S BEEN BUGGING THIS VILLAGE!
ULP! I HADN'T BARGAINED ON THIS!
UHH? IT'S NOT LIKE ONE OF ROBOTNIK'S DEDICATED TROOPERS TO RUN FROM A FIGHT!


GOOD! I THINK I LOST HIM!
UH-OH!
YOU'RE NOT ONE OF MY TROOP! WHICH PLATOON ARE YOU WITH, SOLDIER?
ERM. . .CAN'T QUITE REMEMBER AT THE MOMENT! 'BYE!
WHAAT?
THERE YOU ARE! DECIDED TO FIGHT AFTER ALL, EH?
OH NO! THIS ISN'T MY DAY!
KEEP AWAY FROM ME!
SOMETHING TELLS ME THIS ISN'T AN AVERAGE TROOPER!

MAYBE ROBOTNIK ISN'T BUILDING YOU ROBOTS AS TOUGH AS HE USED TO!
WHAMMO!
EEK!
HEY! WHAT GIVES? I THOUGHT ONLY BADNIKS HAD SOMEONE INSIDE THEM, NOT ROBOT TROOPERS!
UHHH. . .IT SEEMED LIKE A GOOD IDEA AT THE TIME. . .
I'M CLIVE THE DONKEY! MOST PEOPLE IN MY VILLAGE THINK I'M A REAL WIMP 'COS I'M INTERESTED IN TECHNOLOGY INSTEAD OF SPORT. . .SO I DECIDED TO DISGUISE MYSELF AS A TROOPER TO TEACH THEM A LESSON!
YOU'RE TELLING ME THAT YOU BUILT THIS ARMOUR?
NO, THAT WAS AN OLD TROOPER THAT SONIC ONCE DESTROYED! I JUST PIECED IT TOGETHER!
WOW! VERY CLEVER. . . BUT YOU STILL DID A BAD THING!
BELIEVE ME, I KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE PICKED ON, CLIVE, BUT WHAT YOU DID WAS DISHONEST AND DANGEROUS! YOU COULD HAVE GOTTEN INTO BIG TROUBLE!
UH, ER. . .YEAH, THAT REMINDS ME...


...I THINK I'M ALREADY IN BIG TROUBLE! RUN!
YIKE! I PRESUME THESE TROOPERS ARE REAL?
QUICKLY, BEFORE THE FOX TAKES FLIGHT! FIRE THE WEB-WEAPON!
BLAM!
WE'RE TRAPPED!
THIS SEEMS TO HAPPEN TO ME A LOT LATELY!
RESISTANCE IS USELESS! YOU ARE OUR PRISONERS!
NO SENSE OF HUMOUR... CORNY DIALOGUE... YEP, THEY'RE REAL TROOPERS ALL RIGHT. . .
...WORSE LUCK!
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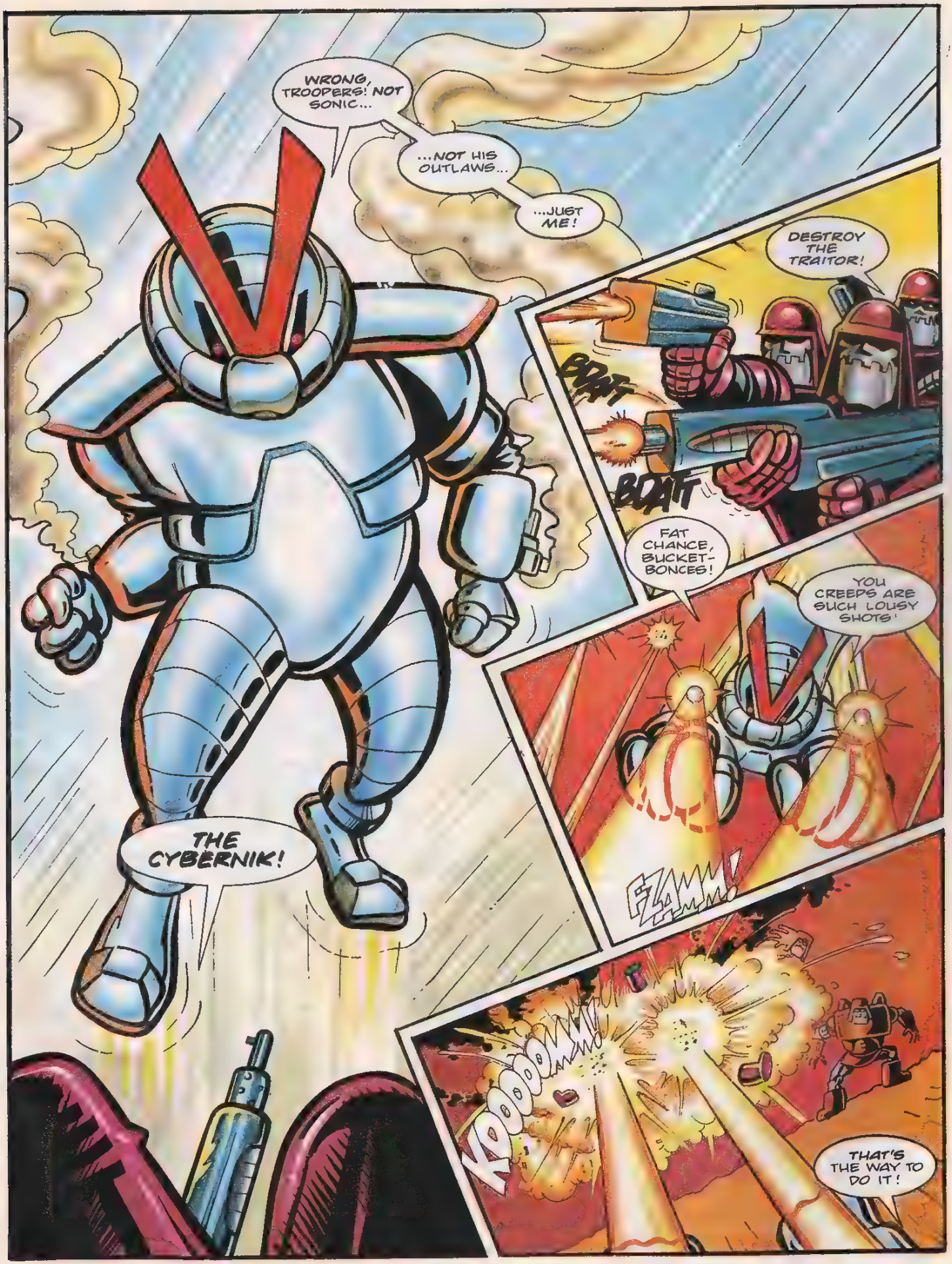
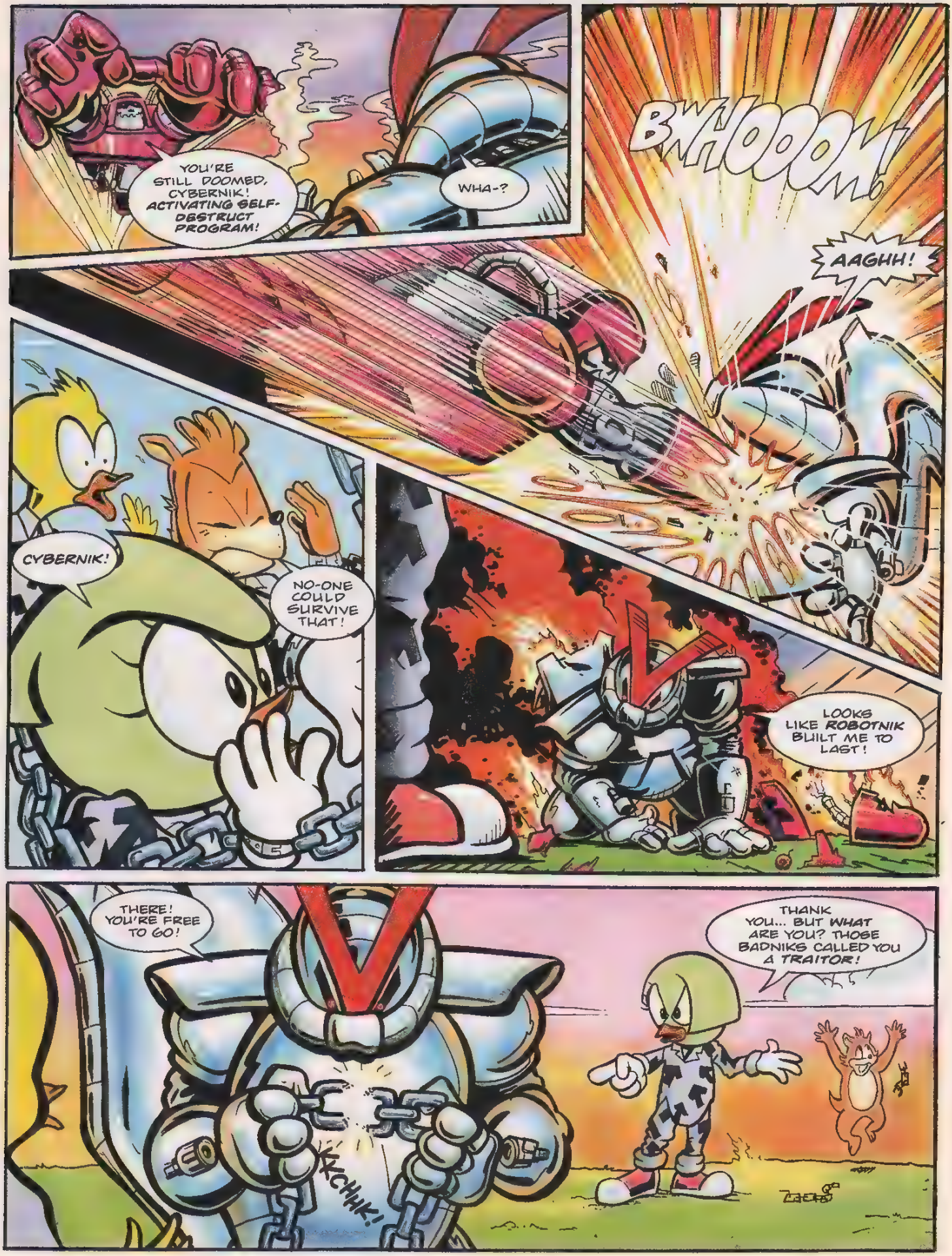
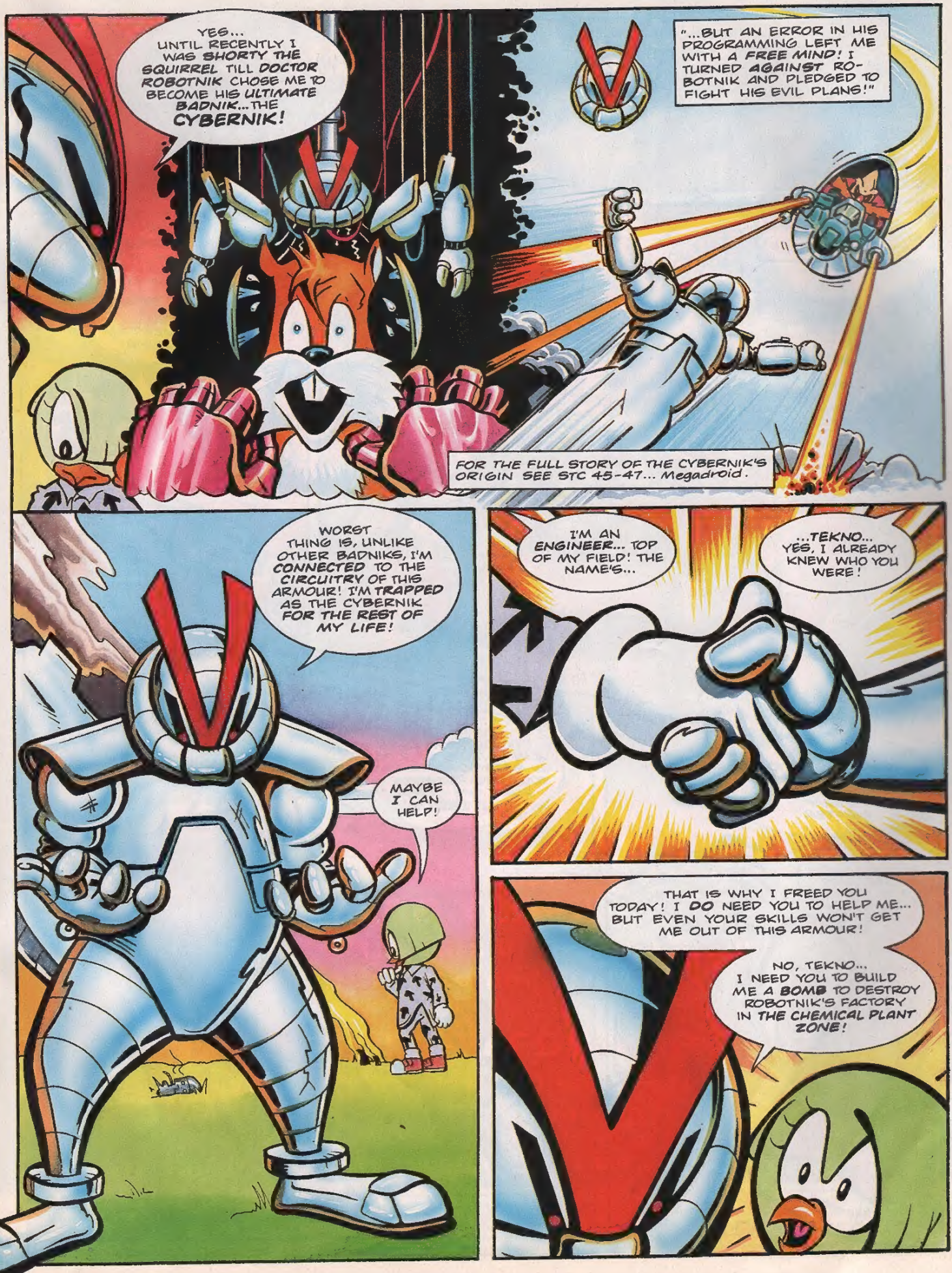
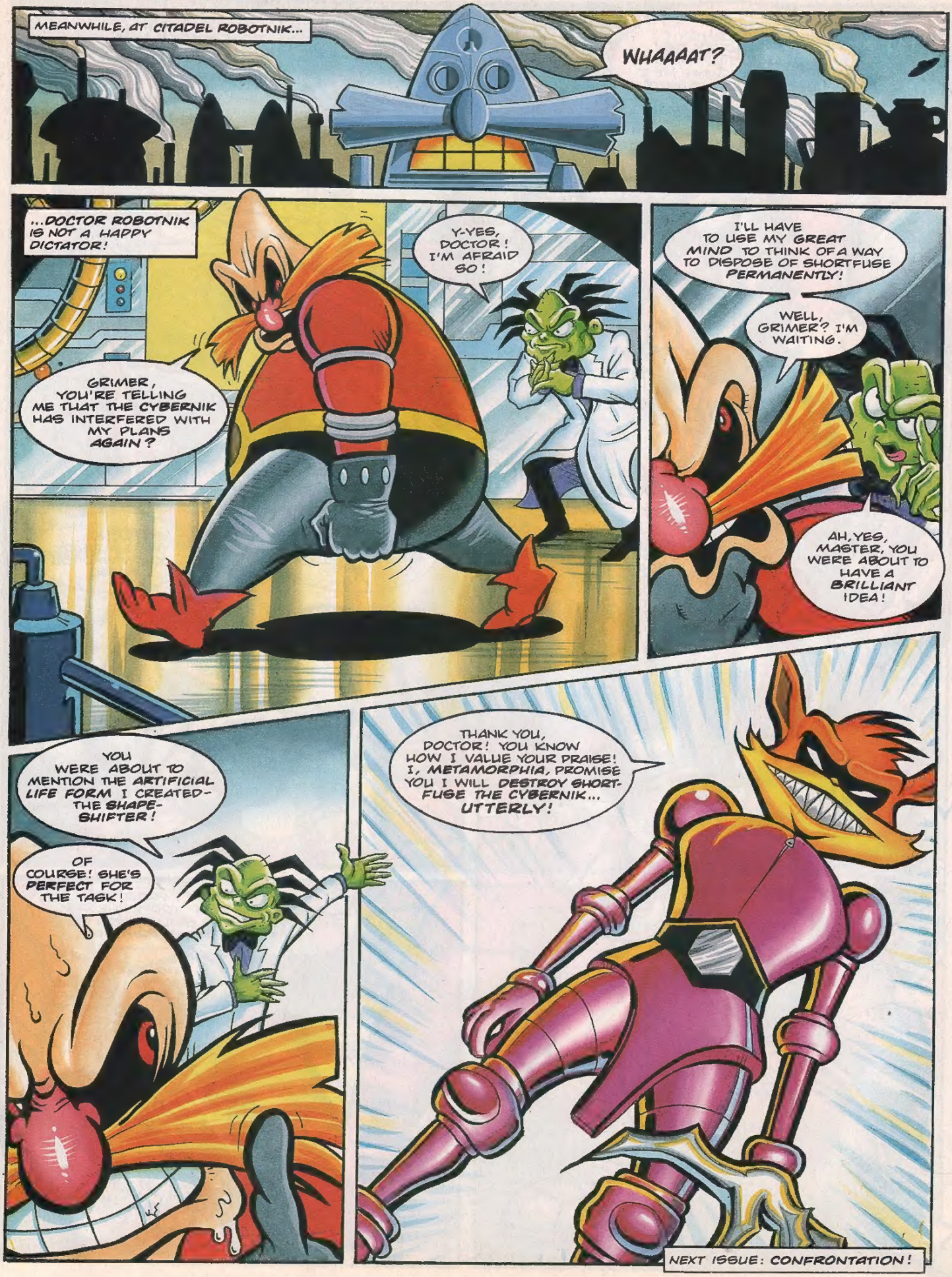
A FAMILIAR SIGHT ON PLANET MOBIUS...
MOVE, PRISONERS! YOU WILL SOON HAVE THE HONOUR OF WORKING AS BADNIKS FOR THE GREAT DOCTOR ROBOTNIK!
NOT QUITE THE CAREER I HAD IN MIND, TO BE HONEST!
SILENCE, SLAVE! YOU NEED SOME ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT!
AAKK--!
PHZZMM
WE'RE UNDER ATTACK!
IT MUST BE SONIC AND HIS OUTLAWS!


WRONG, TROOPERS! NOT SONIC...
...NOT HIS OUTLAWS...
...JUST ME!
THE CYBERNIK!
DESTROY THE TRAITOR!
BOOM
BOOM
FAT CHANCE, BUCKET-BONCES!
YOU CREEPS ARE SUCH LOUSY SHOTS!
KABOOOM
THAT'S THE WAY TO DO IT!


YOU'RE STILL DOOMED, CYBERNIK! ACTIVATING SELF-DESTRUCT PROGRAM!
WHA-?
BWHOOOM!
AAGHH!
CYBERNIK!
NO-ONE COULD SURVIVE THAT!
LOOKS LIKE ROBOTNIK BUILT ME TO LAST!
THERE! YOU'RE FREE TO GO!
KCHHK!
THANK YOU... BUT WHAT ARE YOU? THOSE BADNIKS CALLED YOU A TRAITOR!


YES... UNTIL RECENTLY I WAS SHORTY THE SQUIRREL TILL DOCTOR ROBOTNIK CHOSE ME TO BECOME HIS ULTIMATE BADNIK... THE CYBERNIK!
"...BUT AN ERROR IN HIS PROGRAMMING LEFT ME WITH A FREE MIND! I TURNED AGAINST ROBOTNIK AND PLEDGED TO FIGHT HIS EVIL PLANS!"
FOR THE FULL STORY OF THE CYBERNIK'S ORIGIN SEE STC 45-47... Megadroid.
WORST THING IS, UNLIKE OTHER BADNIKS, I'M CONNECTED TO THE CIRCUITRY OF THIS ARMOUR! I'M TRAPPED AS THE CYBERNIK FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE!
MAYBE I CAN HELP!
I'M AN ENGINEER... TOP OF MY FIELD! THE NAME'S...
...TEKNO... YES, I ALREADY KNEW WHO YOU WERE!
THAT IS WHY I FREED YOU TODAY! I DO NEED YOU TO HELP ME... BUT EVEN YOUR SKILLS WON'T GET ME OUT OF THIS ARMOUR!
NO, TEKNO... I NEED YOU TO BUILD ME A BOMB TO DESTROY ROBOTNIK'S FACTORY IN THE CHEMICAL PLANT ZONE!


MEANWHILE, AT CITADEL ROBOTNIK...
WHAAAAT?
...DOCTOR ROBOTNIK IS NOT A HAPPY DICTATOR!
Y-YES, DOCTOR! I'M AFRAID SO!
GRIMER, YOU'RE TELLING ME THAT THE CYBERNIK HAS INTERFERED WITH MY PLANS AGAIN?
I'LL HAVE TO USE MY GREAT MIND TO THINK OF A WAY TO DISPOSE OF SHORTFUSE PERMANENTLY!
WELL, GRIMER? I'M WAITING.
AH, YES, MASTER, YOU WERE ABOUT TO HAVE A BRILLIANT IDEA!
YOU WERE ABOUT TO MENTION THE ARTIFICIAL LIFE FORM I CREATED- THE SHAPE-SHIFTER!
OF COURSE! SHE'S PERFECT FOR THE TASK!
THANK YOU, DOCTOR! YOU KNOW HOW I VALUE YOUR PRAISE! I, METAMORPHIA, PROMISE YOU I WILL DESTROY SHORT-FUSE THE CYBERNIK... UTTERLY!
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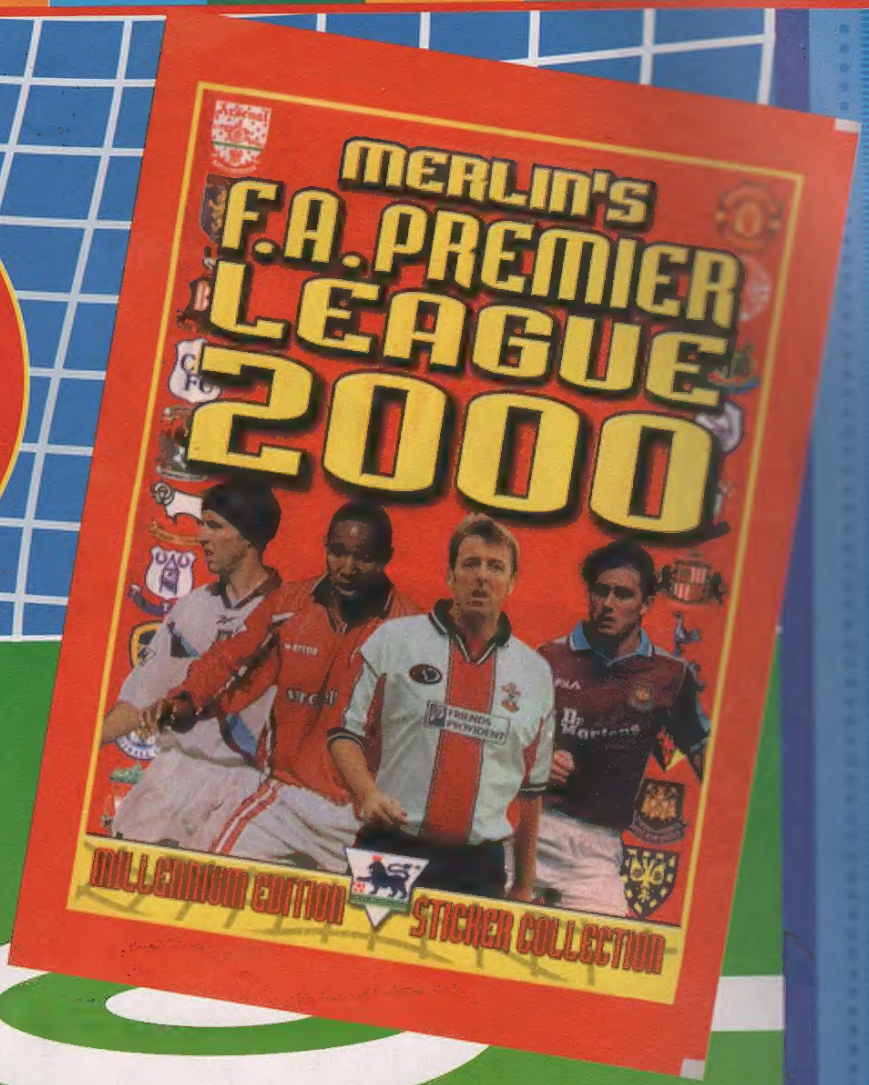

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